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**Data for December
2006
(Preliminary)**

Economic Growth Region 10

Please Note: The Indiana portion of the Louisville, KY-IN MSA has been changed. The new configuration includes Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Washington Counties. Information in this newsletter includes Claims information, information on job openings and Labor Force information for the whole of Economic Growth Region 10.

*INDIANA ECONOMIC GROWTH REGIONS

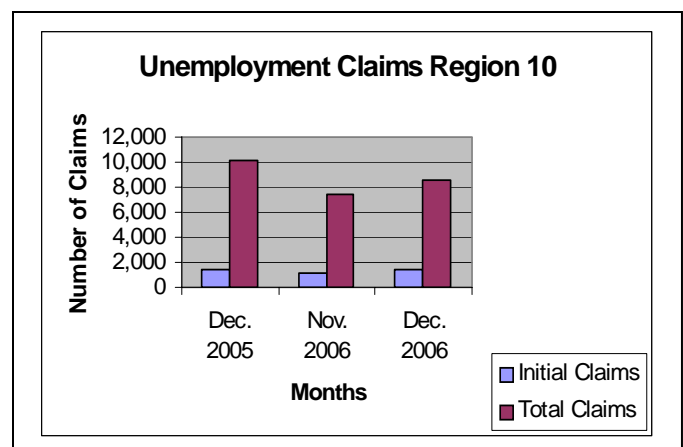
Indiana Workforce Development engaged Indiana Business Research Center to identify regions through a methodology that was both quantitative and qualitative in nature. As a result, eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed.

The counties in the new Indiana Economic Growth Region 10 are Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington.

Beginning with the January 2006 data, the information in this newsletter will be only for the new Economic Growth Region 10.

Unemployment Compensation Claims The total number of unemployment compensation claims for December 2006 was 8,550 which represented an increase of 1,090 from the November 2006 figure of 7,460. The following chart and graph show the comparisons for December and November 2006 and December 2005. These claims were filed through the New Albany Department of Workforce Development office.

	Initial Claims	Total Claims
December 2005	1,389	10,108
November 2006	1,150	7,460
December 2006	1,425	8,550



**Job Openings December 2006
Indiana Economic Growth Region 10**

	Number	Average
	Of	Hourly
Occupational Title	Openings	Wage
Helpers: Other Construction Trades	33	9.44
Production Laborers	19	9.94
Meat, Poultry & Fish: Cutters & Trimmers	16	8.88
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	15	8.75
Structural Metal Workers	10	11.25
Nurse Aides, Orderlies, Attendants	8	9.47
Janitors and Cleaners	5	8.58
Registered Nurses (RN)	4	19.36
General Office Clerks	3	9.67
Laborers, Landscaping & Groundskeeping	3	7.50
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	3	9.21
Teacher Aides/Education Clerical	3	6.98
Teacher Aides, Paraprofessional	3	6.98

The December 2006 Job Openings and hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in Economic Growth Region 10 received during December. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software.

As of January 2006 the Job Openings information will be included for Economic Growth Region 10 only. As stated previously, this region includes Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott and Washington Counties.



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision-makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is: <http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>. Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.



LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	TOTAL			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	LABOR	NUMBER	NUMBER	DEC. 2006	NOV. 2006	DEC. 2005
AREA	FORCE	EMPLOYED	UNEMPLOYED	Preliminary		Bench- marked
United States	152,571,000	146,081,000	6,491,000	4.3	4.3	4.6
Indiana	3,258,303	3,106,107	152,196	4.7	4.5	5.3
Clark County	54,105	51,708	2,397	4.4	4.9	5.0
Crawford County	5,403	5,064	339	6.3	5.5	8.7
Floyd County	38,008	36,416	1,592	4.2	4.7	5.0
Harrison County	19,632	18,730	902	4.6	4.8	6.5
Scott County	11,570	10,901	669	5.8	5.7	6.2
Washington County	14,385	13,557	828	5.8	5.4	6.8

Labor Force Data The Labor Force Data presented here is the most recent data available at the time this letter was prepared. The December 2006 data are preliminary data and December 2005 data are benchmarked data. Information for the United States, Indiana, and the counties that comprise Economic Growth Region 10 has been included.

The national and statewide data given are not seasonally adjusted.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY		
RANK – DEC. 2006	COUNTY	DEC. 2006 RATE
58	Clark	4.4
6	Crawford	6.3
67	Floyd	4.2
52	Harrison	4.6
14	Scott	5.8
15	Washington	5.8

Fayette County ranked 1st with a rate of 7.9% and Hamilton County ranked 92nd with a rate of 2.7%.



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